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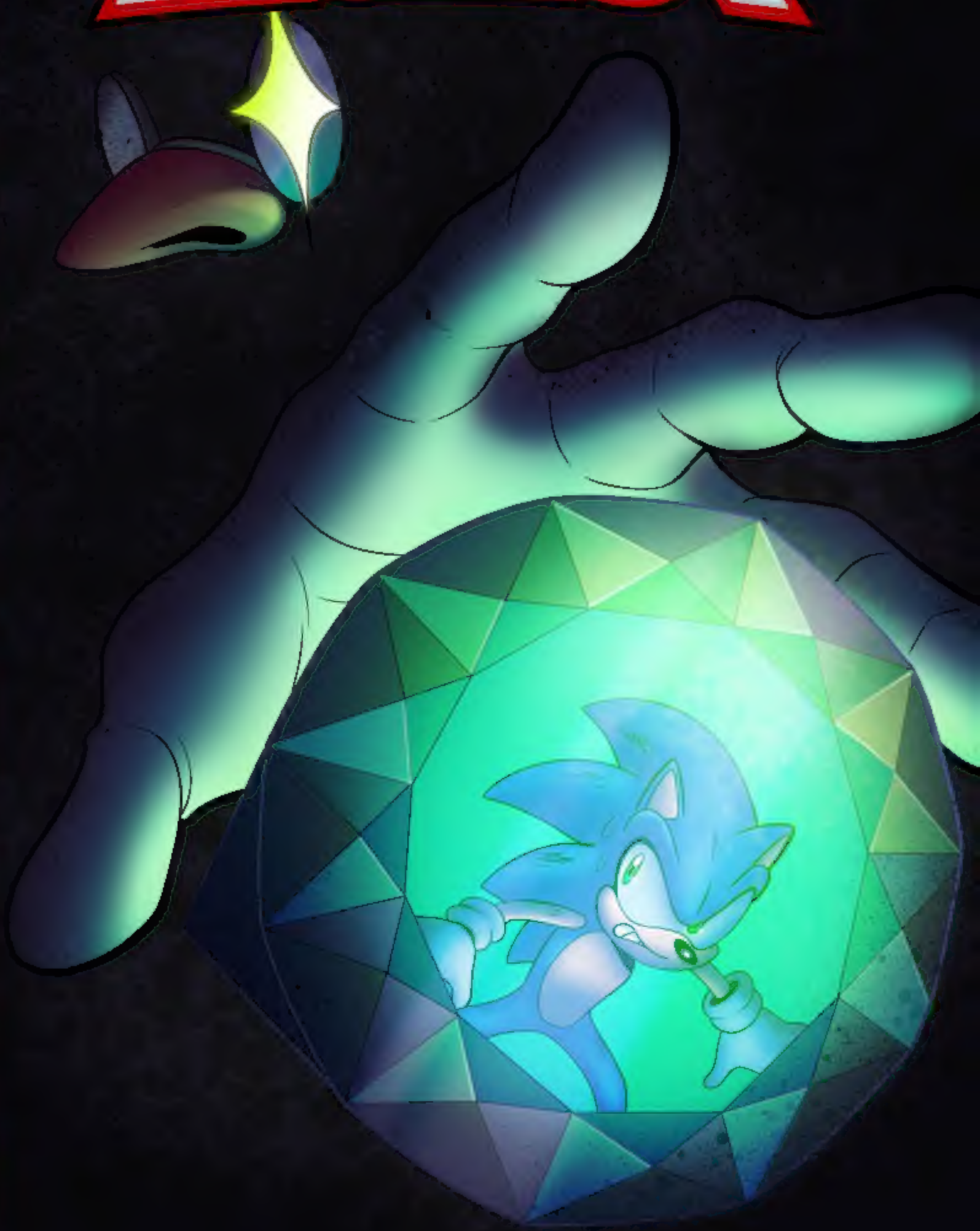

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Due to it's long and storied history, Planet Mobius is home to a variety of old ruins and underground caverns; former homes to lost civilizations, amongst legends that are taken as myths and regarded as mere fairy tales. Yet all legends begin rooted in truth, and for Sonic, they may hit closer to home than he may think.

Constants and absolutes are the rules of the universe, gardening and winnowing the seeds of destiny. This is only the latest iteration of a tale as old as time itself.

It's in these ruins that Dr. Eggman began his conquest, and it's here that Sonic will have to come to grips with the stakes at play.

CAST:

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
ONE-MAN ARMY

TEMPEST THE DOLPHIN
TEAM PLAYER

DR. EGGMAN
PERFECTIONIST

OMELETTE
DADDY'S GIRL

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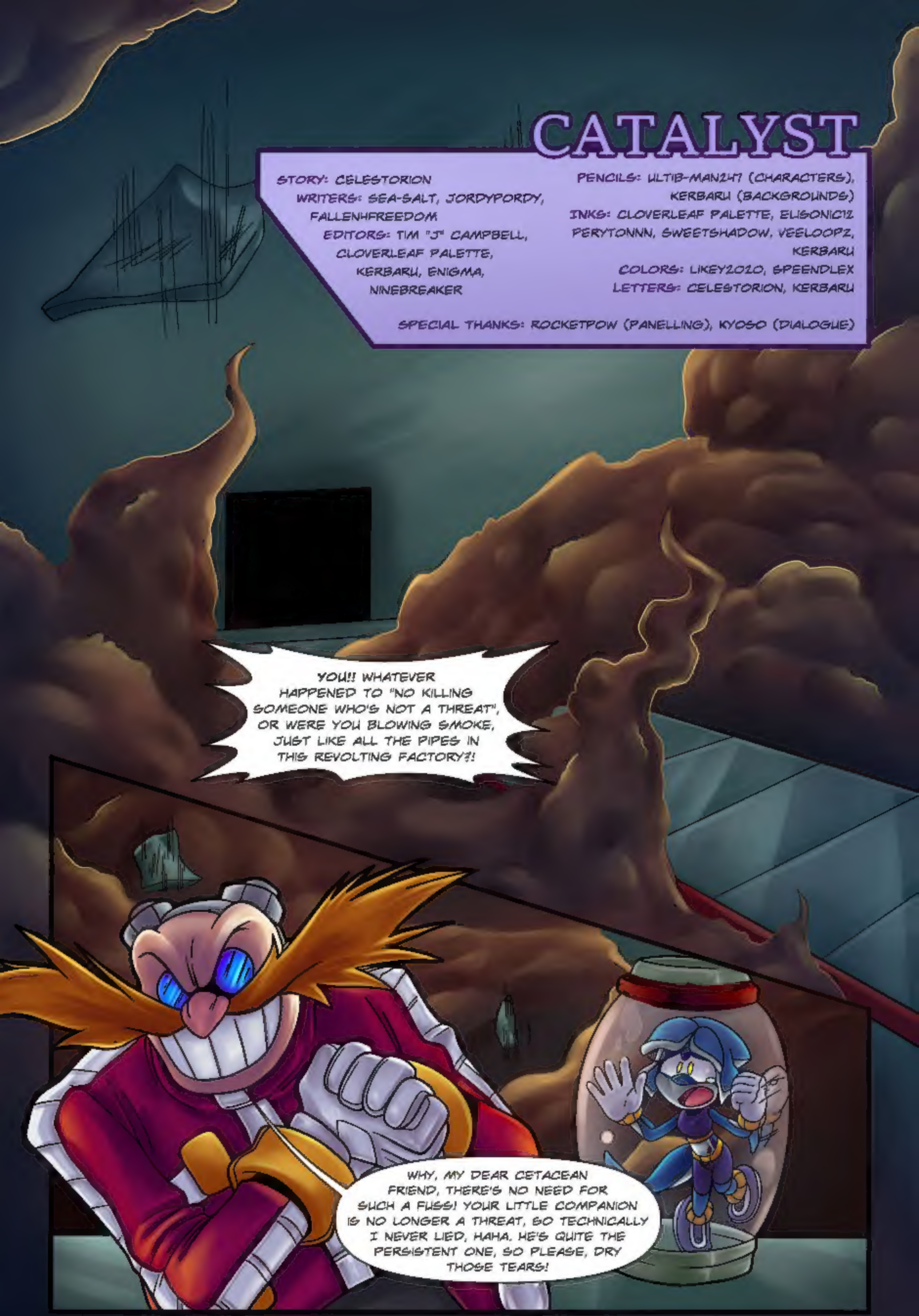
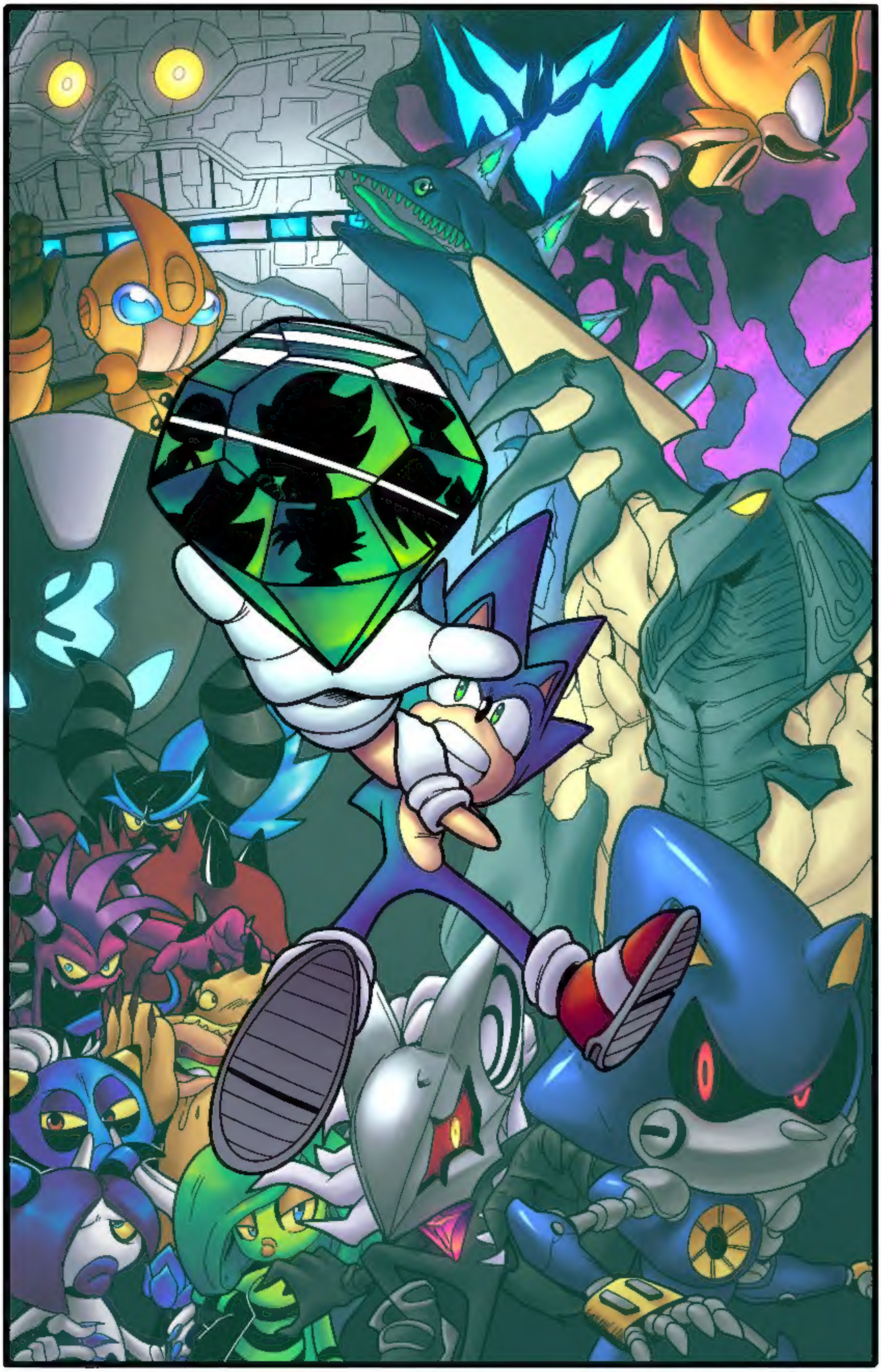


"AFTER ALL, I STILL HAVE A USE FOR YOU..."
UGGH...WHA...?...
W-WHAT THE?!
ACT NOW, QUESTION LATER! GOING BACK UP DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AN OPTION, SO I NEED A SOFTER LANDING!
TOO BAD I CAN BARELY SEE A DARN TH-

-INNNNG!!.....OW.
NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED, WHERE WAS I? OH RIGHT...
...WELL, CRUD.
GREAT, YOU REALLY BLEW IT THIS TIME, SONIC...
NO! THIS AIN'T THE TIME FOR BEATING YOURSELF UP!
FISH-GIRL CAN DO THAT FOR YOU WHEN WE BUST HER OUT, SCRAMBLE THAT EGG-HEAD AND..... HUH?!

AM I IN SOME SORT OF TEMPLE? THIS ISLAND SEEMS TO BE FULL OF THESE THINGS, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT....
NICE, SOME COMPANY!
YO PAL, HELP A COOL STRANGER OUT?
WAIT, WHAT'S THAT GUY CARRYING? SOME KINDA BIG DIAMOND?
SO, HEY, HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING...

WHOA! HECK OF A MAGIC SHOW THERE...
OH GOOD, YOU DID HEAR ME. SO, IF YOU COULD JUST TELL M-
YOU ARE EXACTLY WHERE YOU NEED TO BE...SONIC.



WHAT?!...JUST ...WHAT?!

HEY, HOLD UP THERE, LITTLE LIGHT DUDE!
LOOKS LIKE EGGMAN'S TOY SOLDIERS ARE NOSING AROUND, LITERALLY.
AND I HAVE AN IDEA OF JUST WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR...
...NOT TO MENTION AN URGE TO GET SOME PRACTICE SWINGS IN BEFORE THE MAIN EVENT!

I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN MY HOPES UP... WE HAVE TO HURRY! OMELETTE!
YES, PAPA?!
READY THE SHIP AND WAIT FOR MY COMMANDS! THE RELIC MUST BE RETRIEVED IMMEDIATELY!
RIGHT AWAY, PAPA!!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW, LOOKS LIKE YOU GUESSED RIGHT ABOUT SONIC NOT BITING THE DUST! BET IT SUCKS BEING RIGHT ALL THE TIME?
THIS CHANGE OF EVENTS WILL ACTUALLY BE THE PERFECT TIME TO FINALIZE AN EXPERIMENT THAT I'VE HAD UNDER WRAPS FOR QUITE SOME TIME...
I DID MENTION HOW YOU COULD STILL BE OF USE TO ME, AFTER ALL...

WHAT PART OF "WAIT" DON'T YOU GET? ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, I'M COMING!
YOU KNOW I CAN'T SQUEEZE THROUGH THERE RIGHT?
MAYBE I DON'T HAVE TO...
WOO!! .. WASN'T SURE THAT'D EVEN WORK! NOW TO FIND THAT SHINY TRINKET BEFORE..

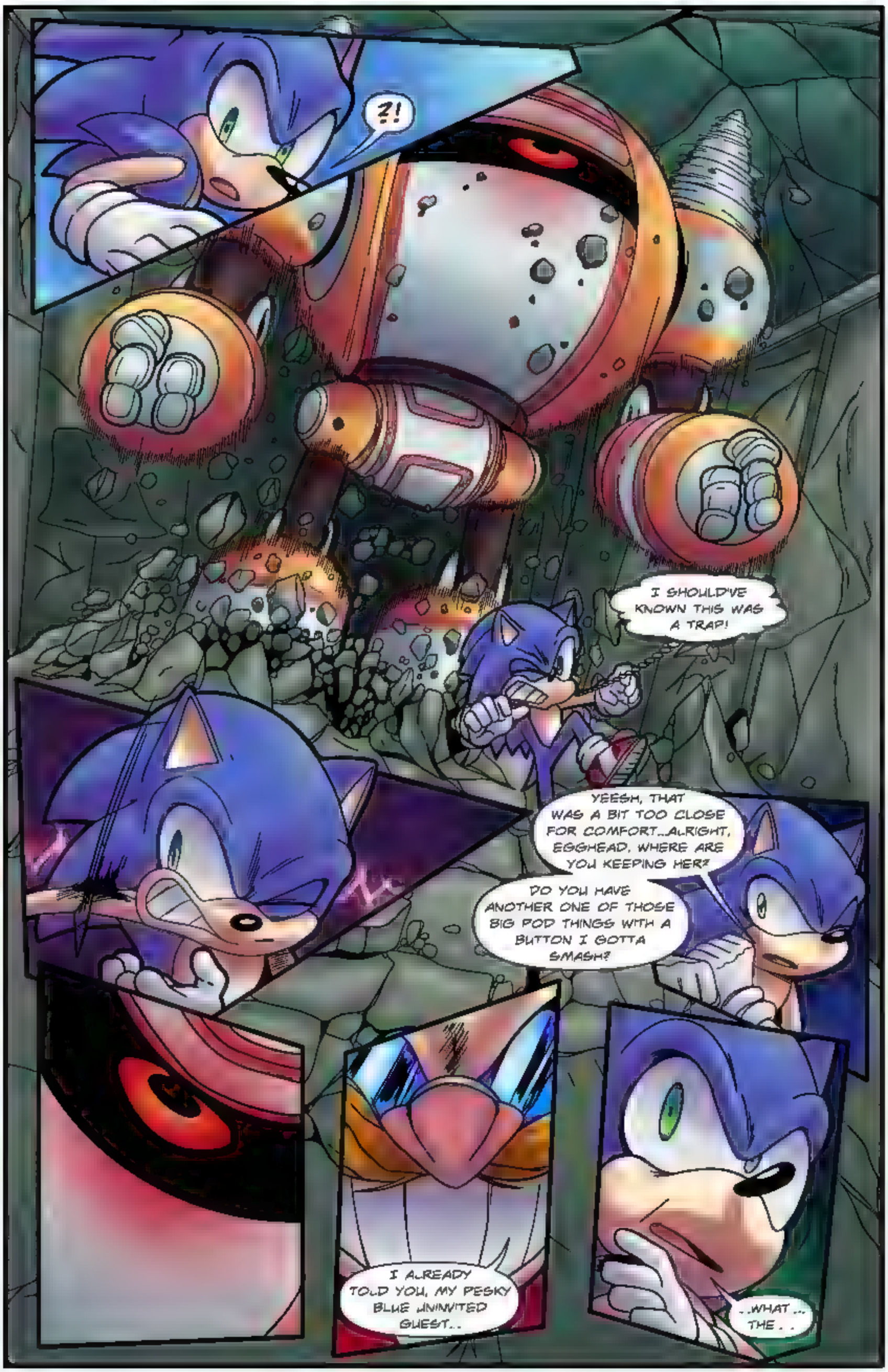
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, HEDGEHOG?

..OF COURSE..

I'LL TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS JUST TO TICK YOU OFF, BUT I'M HERE TO BAIL MY BUDDY OUT AND SMACK THAT MUSTACHE OFF YOUR FACE...AND I DON'T SEE MY BUDDY.

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D BE AFTER THIS RELIC AS WELL, BUT FOR ONCE, YOU'RE TOO SLOW. AS OF THIS MOMENT, I NOW POSSESS SIX CHAOS EMERALDS, AND WITH THEM I-

IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY, AS SHE'S BEEN HERE SINCE YOU'VE ARRIVED HEDGEHOG .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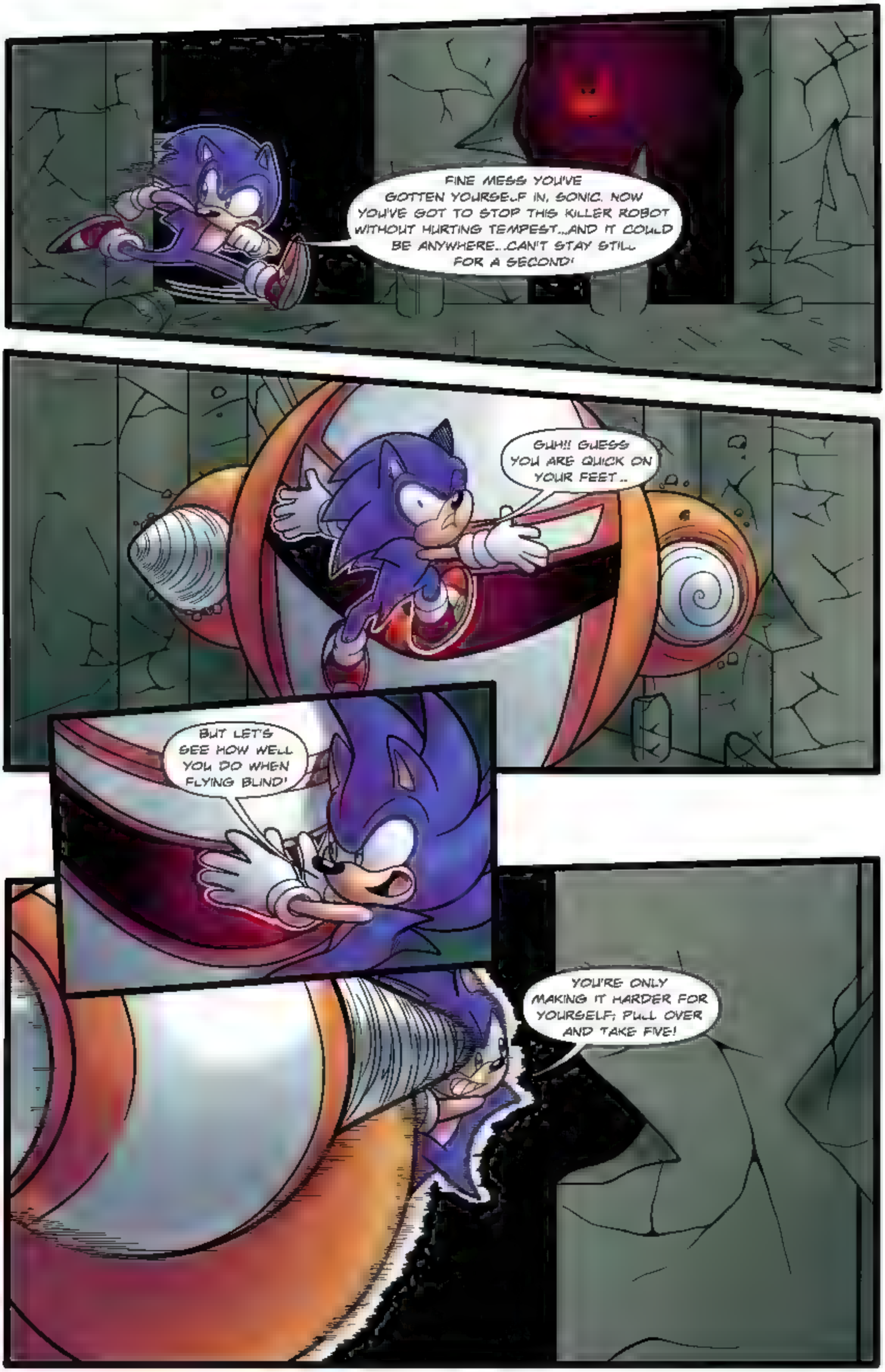
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THIS WAS A TRAP!
YEESH, THAT WAS A BIT TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT...ALRIGHT, EGGHEAD, WHERE ARE YOU KEEPING HER?
DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE BIG POD THINGS WITH A BUTTON I GOTTA SMASH?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, MY PESKY BLUE UNINVITED GUEST...
..WHAT ... THE . .

SAY HELLO TO YOUR LITTLE FRIEND!
TEMPEST!!!

WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?!
I ASSURE YOU, SHE'S PERFECTLY SAFE! SHE'S MERELY LENDING HER ENERGY TO MY LATEST CREATION, THE G-01 UNIT, ALSO KNOWN AS ALEP!
AS LONG AS THE UNIT DOESN'T GO THROUGH MUCH DISTRESS, SHE'S PRESERVED FOR AS LONG AS SHE REMAINS INSIDE THE BATTERY- CONTAINMENT POD...
...CONSIDERING SHE'S THE SECOND ACTUAL ATTEMPT WITH CONTAINING SOMEONE OF THIS SCALE INSIDE A MACHINE, THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN QUITE WELL SO-
SO JUST LIKE THOSE GOOFY ROBOTS...
LET'S GET SOMETHING STRAIGHT, EGGHEAD.
YOU CAN HAVE YOUR KID TRY TO SMASH ME INTO PASTE, TRY TO DROWN ME IN SOME ANCIENT RUINS, OR TRY TO BLOW ME INTO SMITHEREENS.
BUT OUT OF ALL THIS, YOU FINALLY MADE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE...
WH-WHA...

YOU MESSED WITH MY FRIENDS!!
YAAHHH!!
HANG IN THERE, FISH-GIRL! I'LL GET YOU OUT EVEN IF I HAVE TO RIP THIS THING TO PIECES...WHICH I'LL PROBABLY DO ANYWAY TO LET OFF SOME STEAM!

HEH HEH, THIS MACHINE WAS BUILT FOR BURROWING THROUGH SOLID ROCK.
A SQUISHY, FLESHY RODENT LIKE YOU WON'T BE MAKING A DENT IN HIM LIKE YOU HAVE MY OTHER UNITS!
DULY NOTED .. *COUGH*
EESH, THIS IS BAD! I CAN'T LET SOME OVERGROWN POWER-DRILL GET THE BEST OF ME..
SADLY, THIS IS WHERE I MUST BID ADIEU; QUITE BEHIND SCHEDULE, YOU SEE! THANKFULLY ALEP IS PRE-LOADED WITH ALL THE DATA YOU'VE SO GRACIOUSLY OFFERED BEFORE, SO TRY NOT TO EXPIRE BEFORE GIVING HIM A FULL TEST RUN! A SHAME IT MUST BE THIS WAY, BUT SOMETIMES ...SCIENCE DEMANDS SACRIFICE


FINE MESS YOU'VE GOTTEN YOURSELF IN, SONIC. NOW YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THIS KILLER ROBOT WITHOUT HURTING TEMPEST...AND IT COULD BE ANYWHERE...CAN'T STAY STILL FOR A SECOND!
GUH!! GUESS YOU ARE QUICK ON YOUR FEET...
BUT LET'S SEE HOW WELL YOU DO WHEN FLYING BLIND!
YOU'RE ONLY MAKING IT HARDER FOR YOURSELF; PULL OVER AND TAKE FIVE!

OH NO WATCH OUT, YOU'RE GONNA CRASH. AH!
LOOKS LIKE THE DOC WAS TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU BEING A TOUGH COOKIE. WHICH IS GOOD, IN THIS CASE, BECAUSE I NEED TO GET MY BUDDY OUT NOW, SO IF YOU COULD JUST-
H-H-HELP ME!
WHAT THE?!!
HELPMEHELP MEHELPMEHELP MEHELPMEHELP MEHELPME....
THAT RUSTBUCKET'S GONE NUTS! DID IT GET DAMAGED THAT MUCH FROM GOING DOWN JUST NOW?
WAIT!...

THAT THING'S USING TEMPEST AS A BATTERY...WHAT IF IT'S TAPPING INTO HER MIND, TOO?

ALL THE MORE REASON TO YANK HER OUT OF THAT THING AS FAST AS I CAN! YOU READY FOR ANOTHER RACE?!

THAT EGGHEAD ALSO SAID THIS GUY CAN PREDICT MY MOVES. HE'S ALREADY GOTTEN A HECK OF A SHOW SO FAR, BUT HE HASN'T SEEN WHAT I HATE DOING MOST.

...STOPPING!

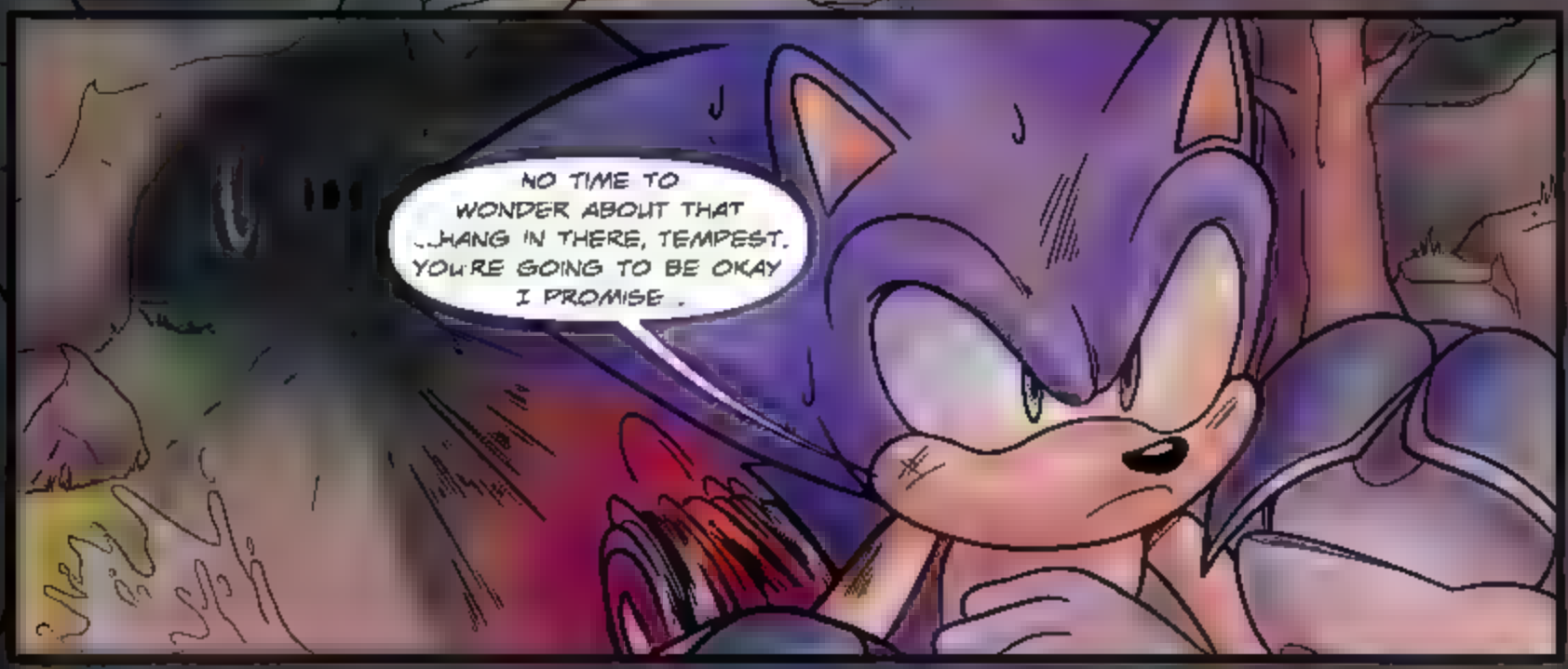
SECOND TIME'S THE CHARM!

!!!
I GOT YA, FIGH-GIRL!

?!!!
SO MUCH FOR A BREATHER. I CAN FEEL SORE WHEN WE'RE NOT IN DANGER OF BEING BURIED ALIVE.
LOOKS LIKE OUR LITTLE LIGHT BUDDY IS BACK, TOO. BY ALL MEANS, LEAD THE WAY!

ALMOST THERE, SONIC! IGNORE YOUR ACHING FEET AND THE IMPENDING WALL OF DEATH BEHIND YOU!!

LET'S NOT CUT IT THAT CLOSE AGAIN...WAIT WE'RE BACK?!


NO TIME TO WONDER ABOUT THAT ...HANG IN THERE, TEMPEST. YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY I PROMISE .

SOME TIME LATER

MS TEMPEST, PLEASE CALM DOWN! YOU'RE NOT FIT TO WALK YET- YOU NEED YOUR REST!

MY FRIEND- WHERE'S MY FRIEND!? WHERE'S SONIC!?

OH, YOU MEAN THE BLUE FELLA THAT DROPPED YOU OFF? HE'S FINE BUT..

..HE SAID HE HAD A FEW THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF

SO EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED?

WELL I WOULDN'T SAY WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED PER SE, BUT WE DEFINITELY KNOW THAT SOMETHING EXPLODED. WHY DO YOU ASK?

OH UH, N-NO REASON. I WAS, UH OUT SWIMMING? YEAH, SWIMMING, AND DIDN'T FEEL THE EXPLOSION IS ALL.

ANYWAY THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT- I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE BLUE GUY WHO ORDERED A CHILI DOG FROM YOU THE OTHER DAY?

YEAH, OF COURSE I DO. HE ACTUALLY JUST STOPPED BY A DAY OR TWO AGO.

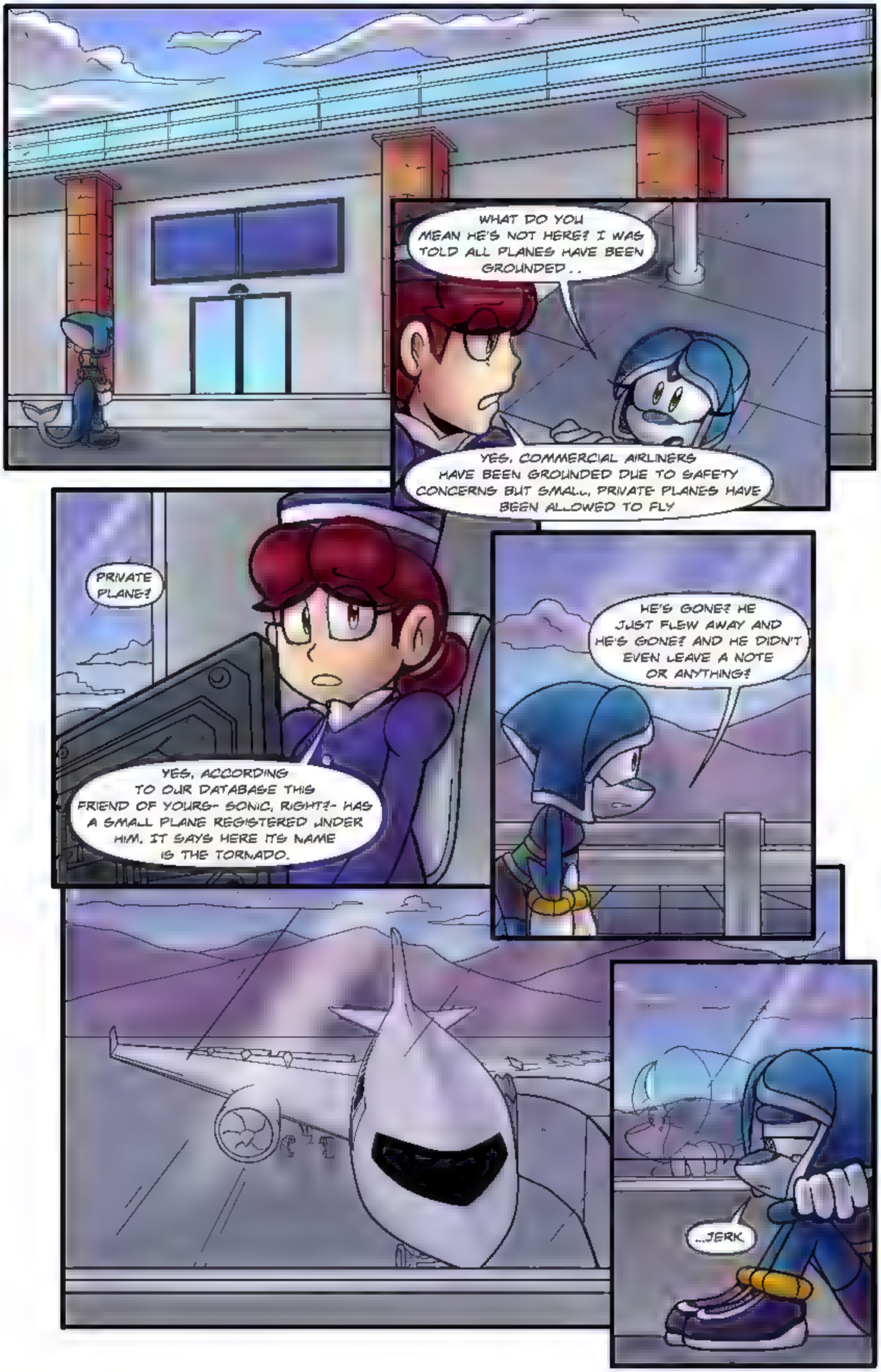
OH! YOU HAVE! DID HE HAPPEN TO SAY WHERE HE WAS GOING OR ANYTHING?

AYE, HE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT HEADING TO THE AIRSTRIP. FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN GROUNDED SINCE THE EXPLOSION SO HE MAY STILL BE THERE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR!

NOT A PROBLEM MISSY, I'M GLAD I COULD HELP

I PROMISE TO BUY A CHILI DOG NEXT TIME!

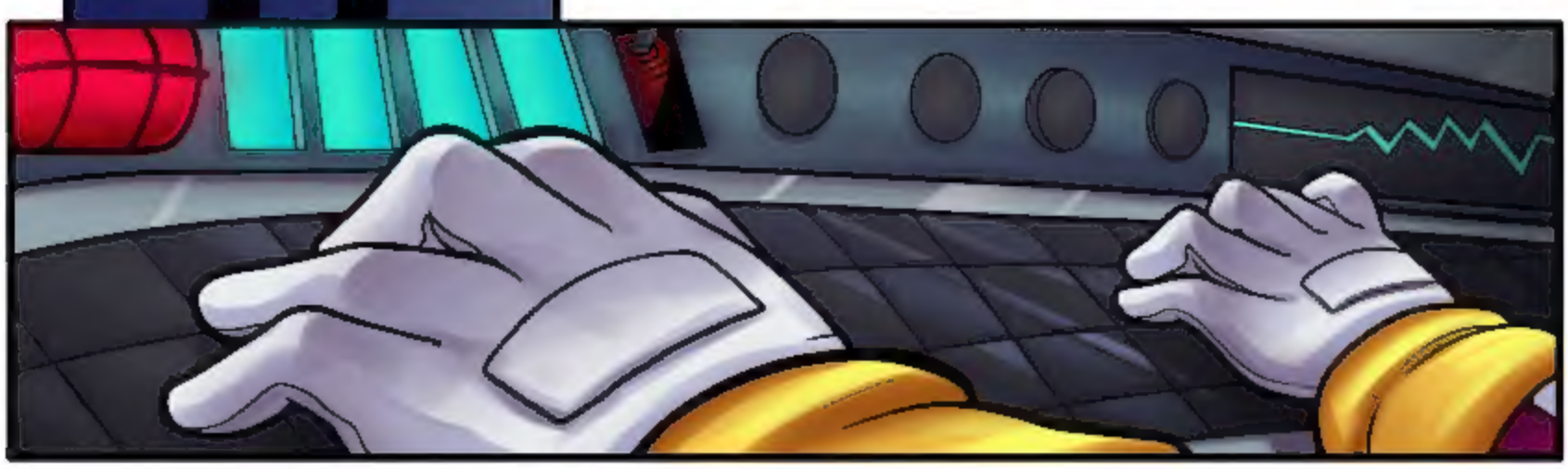

WHAT DO YOU MEAN HE'S NOT HERE? I WAS TOLD ALL PLANES HAVE BEEN GROUNDED..
YES, COMMERCIAL AIRLINERS HAVE BEEN GROUNDED DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS BUT SMALL, PRIVATE PLANES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO FLY
PRIVATE PLANE?
YES, ACCORDING TO OUR DATABASE THIS FRIEND OF YOURS- SONIC, RIGHT?- HAS A SMALL PLANE REGISTERED UNDER HIM. IT SAYS HERE ITS NAME IS THE TORNADO.
HE'S GONE? HE JUST FLEW AWAY AND HE'S GONE? AND HE DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE A NOTE OR ANYTHING?
...JERK

...I HOPE SHE DOESN'T HATE ME.
!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
I CAN'T LET HIM HURT ANYONE ELSE.

PESKY BLUE RODENT... RUINING MY PLANS.
SONIC DATA!
PAPA, THOSE TWO NUISANCES MUST HAVE CHEATED, THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD HAVE KEPT UP WITH YOU OTHERWISE!
HMPH. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU.

PAPA?

BUT THESE TWO... THEY WERE DIFFERENT.
DIFFERENT?
ENOUGH OF YOUR QUESTIONS. WE HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO FOCUS ON.



WE ARE PREPARED TO SET THE FINAL PART OF OUR PLAN INTO MOTION, MY DEAR OMELETTE. SET COURSE TO WESTSIDE.
A GREAT BATTLE HAS COME TO AN END; THE VICTOR UNCERTAIN. BUT THIS IS FAR FROM THE CONCLUSION OF OUR HEROES' STORIES, AS THE PAGE TURNS ONTO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THEIR LEGACY. WHAT ADVENTURES AWAIT SONIC AND THE OTHERS JUST OVER THE HORIZON? THAT TALE IS FOR ANOTHER TIME, BUT THIS ONE SHALL END WITH A FINAL QUESTION FOR YOU, DEAR READERS: ARE YOU UP 2 IT?

From the Team

"It took longer than expected to finish, but I'm glad to have the issue out, and the first arc finished! Stay tuned for the next!"
- CelestOrion

"Whew... Honestly, coloring all that stuff was pretty challenging and time-consuming for me, but hey, I actually made effort and even improved my coloring/rendering skills along the way. Glad I've become part of Legacy crew. Anyway, despite the, erm, development heck, the issue 5 is finally here, hope y'all enjoy it!"
- Speendlex

"This issue took a little bit longer than 4, but taking time can be worth it in the end, we tried going for a new style of lettering akin to what you'd see in other Sonic comics, so I hope it lets the art shine a lot more!"
- kerbaru

"This issue was honestly a learning experience for me, I didn't expect to be coloring so soon after I became a colorist. I plan to be much more on top of my stuff next issue I work on!"
- Likey2020

"I only wrote a small chunk at the end, but please enjoy!"
- JordyPordy

"It's been a long time coming, but hopefully the wait was worth it. As you can probably tell, there were a lot of speed bumps during the process of making this issue, with more revisions and rewrites than I hope are ever needed again. For now, please enjoy the issue, and we'll cover the behind-the-scenes action another time..."
- Sea-Salt

"I only wrote so much before realizing that battles to the death were not my forte. Noted for next time."
- Fallen4Freedom

"This issue is cursed. But don't Stray away form reading issue 5. It's Leaping with action. You're Bound to enjoy it."
- SweetShadow

"I've been dragged into the inking hole and I cant get out. Send help."
- Veeloopz

"This was the first issue i ever inked, we did take our time for this one but i think it was worth it at the end! Plus, i got to ink the egg man so im happy <3"
- Perytonnn

Hey, everyone! Sorry that it took so long for the finale of the Sonic 1 arc to release! Between midterms for some of the staff involved, as well as the holiday season for everyone, we knew that there would be periods of time where the staff wouldn't be able to work on the issue. We'll continue to move forward and try to get issues out on a more regular basis, so we hope that you'll stick around for things yet to come!

- Sonic Legacy

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